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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2001, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group II, claims 19-28, drawn to a method of inducing unidirectional somatic cell differentiation, a method of isolating the committed progenitor cell from a population of differentiated cells, and an isolated differentiated cell.

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